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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

Applicants call attention to the attached Information  
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Submitted herewith is an English translation of JP 47-  
024776.

JP 49-134276 discloses a cleaning method of an insulating  
substrate for an integrated circuit. In particular, a  
phosphorous silicate glass layer (12) is formed on an insulating  
substrate (11) such as a sapphire substrate. The substrate (11)  
is then heated in an atmosphere such as oxygen atmosphere at  
500°C or more, so that Na<sup>+</sup> ions etc. in the substrate (11) are  
gettered by the phosphorous silicate glass layer (12). The  
phosphorous silicate glass layer (12) is removed from the

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substrate (11), and then amorphous silicon layer (13) is formed on the substrate (11).

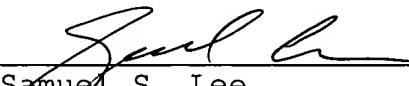
Each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in a counterpart Japanese Patent Application on January 23, 2001, not more than three months ago. To the best knowledge of the undersigned, this is the first citation of these items in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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